

# ABHOR THE CRIME.

Assembly Denounces Lynching and Causes Leading to It.

## KERR RESOLUTION DEBATED.

The Court Condemns Dancing, Theatre-Going, and Card-Playing.

Will Issue a Pastoral Letter.

Alleged Offense Against Dignity of

the Body Meets With Rebukes—

Interest in the Orphan Home—Col-

ored Evangelization.

The sessions of the General Assembly yesterday were marked by interesting discussions, and the transaction of important business.

The body went on record in a resolution condemning lynching. The subject was introduced by Rev. Dr. Kerr, of this city, at the morning session, but was not discussed until towards the close of the afternoon. The debate was by no means one-sided, and the scope of the resolution, as well as the necessity for its introduction, were called in question. Suggestions were made that it might be so worded as to cover the outrages committed in the North as well as those done in the South, and it would probably not have been adopted but for the addition of a saving clause, expressing abhorrence at the heinous crime that makes lynching possible. The doubt was expressed on the floor of the assembly whether any good would come of resolutions of such kind, and the alternative of evangelizing the colored race was suggested as being the only efficacious means to this end.

The recommendation of the Committee on Overtures, in reply to the President of Fayetteville, that there exists a necessity for the promulgation by the assembly of a pastoral letter condemning games, card-playing, and theatre-going, was set aside, after a lengthy debate, in the course of which these pastimes were severely condemned, and a substitute was carried by a very large majority calling for such a letter to be sent out and read from every pulpit.

The rather humorous criticism of the records of the Synod of Texas by the chairman of the committee appointed to examine these minutes called forth some very stern rebukes as an offense against the dignity of the assembly, though the report was subsequently adopted, with slight amendment.

Several reports were received and adopted, among the number one of the Fredericksburg Orphan Home and School, and a vote of confidence in the management of this institution was passed, after much interest had been manifested in its growth, condition, and prospects.

Rev. Dr. John Fox, the secretary of the American Bible Society, gave an interesting account of its work, and the subject of colored evangelization was considered at length last night.

The assembly declared against the observance of Christmas and Easter as heathen, on the ground that such observance is unscriptural. The business of the court will probably be concluded today.

## TO CONDEMN LYNCHINGS.

Dr. Kerr Introduces a Resolution—A Busy Morning Session.

The morning session was an extremely busy one, after the devotional exercises and the usual preliminaries, Dr. Kerr took the floor and introduced the following resolution:

"The General Assembly takes occasion to express its strongest condemnation of the heinous spirit abroad in the land, manifesting itself in many ways, but notably in scenes of mob violence and the taking of human life in cases of supposed or proven crime, without due process of law, involving the awful danger of inflicting death upon an innocent person, while the real criminal goes free; tending also to cheapen human life, to unsettle the social order, and to weaken or destroy that reverence for law and constituted authority which the Scriptures require all to uphold.

We, therefore, urge all our people and ministers, in all scriptural ways, to do their utmost toward cultivating and maintaining that order and reverence for authority which are enjoined by the Word of God.

Dr. Kerr was continuing to speak upon the resolution, when exception was taken to the ground that it was not the time for the presentation of such papers, the order of the day calling exclusively for reports of committees and the special orders, all of which had precedence over the business. The point of order was sustained, and the resolution docketed for later discussion.

## THE ORPHAN HOME AND SCHOOL.

The report of the committee on Home and School, at Fredericksburg, Va., was submitted by Dr. Nail. The report pays tribute to the fidelity and devotion of the board, of which Dr. Kerr is chairman. The past year has been blessed with a large measure of success. There are thirty-three inmates of the home—girls and daughters of deceased ministers and missionaries—and the average cost of maintenance is \$100 per annum for each inmate. All current expenses have been met, and there is a balance in hand to the credit of the institution of \$1,313.13. The sale on the home has been reduced by \$100. The committee recommends, first, the enlargement of the home, and second, the employment of the home, and third, the report was unanimously adopted without debate, and on motion, Mr. Sumner, the superintendent, was given the privilege of the floor. He spoke of the scope and effect of the work.

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The assembly's standing committee on Publication reported as follows:

In recommending the approval of the annual report and the written minutes of the Executive Committee of Publication, which is to note the following items: (a) During the past year Rev. Moses Howard, D. D., of Little Rock, was called to his home. He was a member of this committee from its first appointment, in 1861, and was its chairman for thirty years.

This assembly, in recording our loss would express our gratitude to the great head of the Church for his long and valued services on this committee, and for his longer services and testimony to the power of the Gospel in

which he did abound in every good word and work. Servant of God, well done.

(b) The treasurer's statement, which has been previously audited, exhibits some interesting facts. The present assets are \$117,223.84, of this, \$63,105.95 is a fixed investment in real estate, furniture, and stereoptone plates. There seems to be a small margin of profit after paying all the expenses of the committee and its business.

2. Several overtures were referred to this standing committee for consideration. No. 1. From Memphis Presbytery, asking for blanks, etc., for reports of the home department of the Sunday school. Answered in the negative.

No. 2. From Tusculum Presbytery, asking changes in statistical columns of reports. Answered in the negative.

No. 3. Presbytery of Lafayette, asking for modifications of the Children's Friend, so as to adapt its use to Westminster leavers. Answer: Refer the matter to the Executive Committee of Publication to meet the want, if the way be clear.

No. 4. From East Hanover Presbytery, asking, first, that certain optional forms be printed in the appendix to the Book of Church order, and, second, that a statement about infant baptism be prepared and printed in same place. Answered in the negative.

No. 5. From Mecklenburg Presbytery, asking to suspend the use of the international lessons, and to have prepared a suitable system for our Church, etc. Answered in the negative.

3. The committee recommend the election of the same Executive Committee of Publication as follows: James J. Hazen, D. D., secretary and treasurer; J. P. Smith, D. D., J. W. Rosebro, D. D.; Rev. J. Kerr, D. D.; Charles H. Read, D. D.; Rev. J. Calvin Stewart; S. K. Winn, D. D.; Rev. Donald Guthrie; M. L. Lister; G. B. R. Wellford, Jr., W. W. Henry, M. M. Gilliam, and W. C. Preston.

## OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The standing committee on Sabbath reported that the report of the Permanent Committee, Rev. Dr. Stacy chairman, was placed in their hands and considered. The report presents nothing new as compared with former years touching the observance of the Sabbath by our people. Church members continue for the most part to conform faithfully both in their private and their public life, and on the other hand, among the non-Christian people of the land, and to some extent within the pale of the Church, there seems to be increasing evidence of a gradual drift toward the relaxation of the Sabbath.

The following recommendations in particular are presented for adoption:

That the individuals and households of our Church, which are faithful and exact in their observance of the Sabbath, be commended and encouraged in their fidelity and exhorted to continue steadfast and unmovable in their testimony against the desecration of the day.

That our members be exhorted to the keeping of the Lord's day as of binding obligation at all times and in all places.

That the following ministers and elders constitute the committee on the Sabbath for the ensuing year—Rev. J. W. Henry, D. D., Rev. H. R. Rev. C. P. Bridwell, and Mr. John A. Barry. The report was unanimously adopted.

DIGNITY OF THE ASSEMBLY.

The committee on the Records of the Synods of Texas were very humorously presented and criticized by Chairman Craig. The report created much laughter, and the committee recommended that the assembly be reminded that it should be re-committed, as contrary to the dignity of the body. It was submitted, he said, in a spirit of clownishness, such as ought not to be permitted to enter into the reports of a body of the dignity of the General Assembly. The motion was voted down, being supported only by Mr. Weaver and four other members. The report was then amended in some few particulars.

Mr. Craig explained that he had merely read extracts from the report; he had replied to questions addressed to him, somewhat humorously, perhaps, and he thought there was no humor in a General Assembly. He read from the records of the synod to show that some of the statements which had excited the laughter of the assembly were in fact true. Several of the commissioners from Texas spoke, deprecating the tone and criticisms of the committee submitting the report.

## THE HYMN-BOOK QUESTION.

The special order of the day, the report of the committee on Overtures, was taken up. The hymn-book question was the first matter to be considered. The committee recommended that the assembly decline to consider the issue of a new hymn-book, in response to an overture from Louisville, and a motion to the contrary was carried by a large majority.

This committee has acquired certain copyrights and plates. No report has been or will be submitted to the assembly until the material for a hymn-book has been received. The committee is now engaged in the publication of a hymn-book formed the basis of the discussion, which was interrupted by the arrival of the late introduction of Rev. Dr. John Fox, the representative of the American Bible Society.

WORK OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

Rev. Dr. T. H. Law was called to the floor, and introduced the speaker. Dr. Fox extended the greetings of the society, and announced that the Northern Assembly had, during its sittings in assembly, adopted the name of the Southern Assembly, and recommended that every synod in its jurisdiction appoint a committee to advance the objects for which the American Bible Society stands. He spoke of the history of the organization and its relation to the auxiliary societies. The Virginia Bible Society was esteemed as the best of all these auxiliaries. There are large areas, North and South, which have not yet been covered.

In conclusion, Dr. Fox paid a tender and affectionate tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Hoge.

On motion of Dr. Nail, the matter of the address was referred to the Standing Committee on the Bible.

An invitation from the Hollywood Memorial Association to attend the services on Sunday and the exercises on Tuesday was received and acknowledged with thanks.

## HYMN-BOOK QUESTION.

The discussion of the hymn-book question was again resumed. Dr. Woodrow asked what was the need for doing anything with regard to a new hymn-book? The hymn-books recommended hitherto had not been universally adopted. These books were not defective in any particular, and there was no need to try to supplant them where they have been established. The assembly, he said, had no authority to recommend a new book, and wanted none. His recommendation really amounted to nothing.

Dr. Green, speaking for the committee, said it was not for that body to answer the question propounded by Professor Woodrow. They should have been asked a year ago. The committee did not feel warranted to arrest the work on the new hymn-book at the simple request of Louisville Presbytery, when twenty-six presbyteries favored the continuation of the work.

The report of the committee was adopted, with very few dissentients.

## POWER OF A MODERATOR.

The assembly also adopted the recommendation of the committee, that in cases of emergency the moderator can call a meeting of a presbytery without the concurrence of two ministers or two elders.

The answer that the authority to commit the care of the Church to deacons resides in the session was adopted without debate.

The reply of the committee to the overture from the Presbytery of Athens, that there is no warrant for the observance

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# LOCAL OFFICERS.

Election in Virginia to Fill County and District Offices.

## DEMOCRATS CARRY THE DAY.

Their Men Elected in Nearly Every Case Where There Was Opposition.

## THE VOTE CAST VERY SMALL.

Little Interest Manifested and Few People at the Polls—No Candidates Against Our Nominees in Henrico.

The election in Virginia yesterday was for county and district offices. Some of the smaller cities and the towns also voted for municipal officers. The vote throughout the State was small, very little interest was manifested, and quiet prevailed. In many counties there was no opposition to the Democratic nominees, and in cases where there was the Democrats were generally successful.

There was no election in Richmond. In Manchester one councilman was chosen from each ward, and in the First Ward the Democratic nominee was defeated by an Independent.

The vote cast in Henrico was probably the lightest ever polled in the county. The Democratic ticket was elected without opposition.

Not a Break in Chesterfield.

The Democrats carried Chesterfield without a break. Of the general officers Treasurer J. P. Gilliam and Commissioners of the Revenue T. E. Woodin and Sam. A. Mann were the only ones who had opposition, but it did not amount to anything. In the Richmond District, embracing Evansboro, Oak Grove, and Pulliam's Store precincts, the Populists had up candidates for several of the district offices, but they received very few votes. The Democrats carried the district by about 135 majority, electing R. A. Bowen Supervisor, C. T. Jones, Robert Cridde, and L. W. Chatham, Justices of the Peace, and Moody, Pulliam, Constable. Evansboro gave Bowen 125 and Cersley 126, while Oak Grove gave: Bowen, 56; Cersley, 18.

The following are reports from other precincts of the county which were reported last night by telegraph: Henric—Woodin, 125; Gilliam, 125; Treasurer, 76 majority; Cogbill, Commonwealth's Attorney, 125 (no opposition); M. A. Cogbill, Clerk, 9 majority; Gill, Sheriff, 122 (no opposition). Vote cast for Commissioners—Woodin, 48; Martin, 2; Goode, 16. Second District—Mann, 34; Johnson, 25. Supervisor—Nunnally, 107; Willis, 1. Justice of the Peace—Johnson received 1 majority. Constable—Blackner, 102 majority. Over the Poor—Roach, 13 majority. Everything quiet.

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## ANTI-TRUST BANQUET.

Mr. Bryan, at St. Louis, on the Evils of Monopoly.

## THE DANGER OF TRUSTS.

They Are Incompatible With Principles of Our Institutions.

## THE CRUSADE AGAINST SILVER.

The Trust Attempted to Be Formed By the National Bankers—Efforts to Control Monopoly Must Be Co-extensive With the Country.

## ST. LOUIS, MO., May 25.—Promptly at 6:45 this evening the caterer's direction bell rang, the struck up "The Stars and Stripes Forever," an army of waiters laden with vases appeared, and the mammoth Democratic anti-trust banquet was on, while the 1,450 banqueters seated at the table broke into a tremendous cheer, rising in a body, and waving the small hand-flags that had been provided at each cover. The table of honor was placed on a raised platform at the north side of the arena, and at it were seated Hon. W. J. Bryan, ex-Governor John P. Altgeld, O. H. P. Belmont, M. C. Wetmore, Harry B. Hawes, president of the Jefferson Club, and others who auspices the dinner was given; Hon. Champ Clark, Hon. David A. DeArmond, and a number of other prominent Democrats.

The Coliseum was decorated throughout with flags, and in the centre of these was fixed a large silver shield. The dinner was concluded at 8 o'clock. It was strictly a love-feast. By the time the tables were cleared the 5,000 seats of the amphitheatre were filled with spectators, representing the society of St. Louis, and the speaking began. The first speaker of the evening was Harry B. Hawes, president of the Jefferson Club, who delivered the address of welcome. Mr. Hawes said, in part: